



Meth Task Force

July 8, 2010

10:00 a.m.

**Arizona State Lab Training Conference Room
250 North 17th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

A general meeting of the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force was convened on July 8, 2010 at the Arizona State Laboratory Training Conference Room, 250 North 17th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (12)

Anthony Coulson, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Major Brian Wilcox, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Jennie Lagunas, Arizona Department of Health Services
Jon Dempsey, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
Mark Ewy, Arizona Department of Economic Security
Martha Huffstetler, COPE Community Services, Inc.
[Richard Anemone on behalf of] George Rodriguez, Tucson Police Department
Ron Dalrymple, Arizona Board of Technical Registration
Sergeant Don Sherrard, Phoenix Police Department
Steve Tyrrell, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts
[Terry Azbill on behalf of] Richard Rosky, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program
Warren Kontz, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

Staff/Guests Present (5)	Members Absent (9)
Ashley Miles, Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy	Billie Grobe, Yavapai County Probation
Emily Winans, Governor's Office/ Division for Substance Abuse Policy	Carol Chicarello, AHCCCS
Jeanne Blackburn, Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy	Dean Wright, Arizona Board of Pharmacy
Shanan Aven, Strategic Applications International	Hope Lone Tree McDonald, Navajo Nation
Tammy Paz-Combs, Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy	Jane Irvine, Attorney General's Office
	Karen Hellman, Arizona Department of Corrections
	Scott Cocuzza, Business Leader
	Sylvia Homer, Colorado River Indian Tribe
	Tony Vidale, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Call to Order

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** called the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** welcomed members and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** tabled the approval of the meeting minutes from the May 4 meeting until the September meeting.

Announcements

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** asked members for any announcements.
 - **Ron Dalrymple** announced that the Arizona Board of Technical Registration is looking for a sponsor for legislation that addresses issues around remediation.
 - **Don Sherrard** reported that the amount of smurfing of pseudoephedrine has remained stable based upon data from recent monitoring.
 - **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** noted that Mississippi recently passed legislation making pseudoephedrine available by prescription only.
 - **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** noted that Congress did not appropriate funds for methamphetamine lab clean up in the budget. The costs related to cleaning up methamphetamine lab sites will be borne by the states.

Access to Recovery Update

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** asked **Tammy Paz-Combs** to provide an update on the Access to Recovery (ATR) grant.
 - Ms.Paz-Combs stated that Arizona is in year 3 of the ATR grant with programs in five counties.
 - ATR staff is conducting close-out forums for providers and staff to discuss the close-out process.
 - Providers are not accepting new clients because the grant is coming to an end.
 - Ms.Paz-Combs mentioned that Arizona has exceeded its target number of clients served.
 - The Office is requesting a no-cost extension of one year in order to continue to serve clients.

- Yavapai County and Pima County will continue as subgrantees if the no-cost extension is approved.
- **Martha Huffstetler** commented that the holistic approach of ATR provides clients with everything they need to focus on getting clean, getting a job and/or going back to school.
- The Arizona Department of Health Services submitted an application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for an ATR grant. The grant application outlines a similar approach to the one currently in place, but amends the target population to include children and focuses special attention on the veteran population and justice-involved individuals who are re-entering society.

Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative: An Overview

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** asked **Shanan Aven** to provide an overview of the Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative (RLEMI).
 - Ms. Aven referred Task Force members to handouts in their packets providing overview information of the RLEMI.
 - The goal over the next 12-18 months will be to work with Law Enforcement and the communities to identify and address their training and technical assistance needs.
 - Arizona's needs assessment was completed, which examined policies, collaborative efforts, ability to provide data, etc.

RLEMI Identified Priorities

Expansion of the MTF Membership

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** mentioned that the possibility of expanding the Meth Task Force will be discussed at the next meeting. There is interest in expanding the Task Force in order to add regional working groups, whose members would be part of the state-level Methamphetamine Task Force.

Formation of Regional MTF Work Groups

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** noted that the RLEMI team seeks to regionalize the Meth Task Force. The goal is to form a working group in each region that includes the major stakeholders who will be able to address the needs of their individual communities.
 - **Major Brian Wilcox** offered to work with Tony Coulson and Rich Rosky on creating regional groups as the existing task forces that are working well together and coordinating with other law enforcement groups can be used to determine regional boundaries.
 - **Mr. Anthony Coulson** mentioned that there are some very strong coalitions that can be used as examples for creating other coalitions across the state.
 - **Terry Azbill** commented that Navajo County is being considered by ONDCP as a HIDTA county.
 - **Jeanne Blackburn** commented that ICEN (Indian Country Information Network) will be meeting at the Pow Wow to be held July 24-25th in Flagstaff, which will be an opportunity to discuss the regionalization idea and the RLEMI with the tribes.
- **Shanan Aven** asked that members share information with her as she moves forward toward achieving the RLEMI goals.

Creation of a "Directory of Directories"

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** mentioned that another necessary task will be creating a directory of the resources in each area (e.g., Law Enforcement Task Force representatives, Coalitions, ATR providers, etc.).

Determination of Next Meeting Date

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** inquired about members' interest in aligning the Meth Task Force meetings with ASAP meetings.
 - It was decided that future MTF meetings will be conducted on the same days as the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership meetings.

Call to the Public

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** made a call to the public.
 - A question was asked regarding the completion date of the resource directory discussed earlier in the meeting.
 - Mr. Coulson noted that a completion date has not been set.
 - Mr. Coulson announced that he will not be able to continue as Chair as he has been transferred to Washington D.C. He expressed that he enjoyed the work over the past couple of years.
 - **Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs** thanked Mr. Coulson for his service to the state and his leadership over the past couple of years.

Adjourn

- **Mr. Anthony Coulson, Chair** adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Dated the 8th day of July 2010
Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force
Respectfully Submitted By:
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Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative Coordinator
Strategic Applications International